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SUBJ: ICAO: COUNCIL COMPLETES WORK PROGRAM AND ADJOURNS

- 1. COUNCIL TOOK ACTION INDICATED IN WORKING PAPERS, EXCEPT: CWP 6566 (SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR SETTING PERCENTAGE CEILING ON FUTURE BUDGET ESTIMATES. COUNCIL VOTED 8/3/16 NOT TO TRANSMIT IT TO ASSEMBLY, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT DEVELOPED ENOUGH TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS (QUITE TRUE -- AND EVEN SPONSOR WAS LOSING ENTHUSIASM). PAPER PLACED ON COUNCIL WORK PROGRAM NEXT SESSION. MOTION FAILED BECAUSE NIGERIA REQUESTED STATUTORY MAJORITY.
- 2. THIS ICAO YEAR (SEPT-JUNE) HAS SEEN CULMINATION SEVERAL MAJOR AVIATION ISSUES AND MOST SUCCESSFUL PERIOD FOR US:
 A. AWO (MLS) PROGRAM WAS CAREFULLY SHEPHERDED FROM PANEL THROUGH COMMISSION AND COUNCIL TO SETTING OF DIV DATES FOR SUBSTANTIVE DECISION; B. EXTREMELY DELICATE DAKAR FIR QUESTION HANDLED EXTREMELY WELL BY ALL REPEAT ALL US INTERESTS (WASHINGTON/DAKAR/MONTREAL) AND RESULTED IN EXCELLENT US DIPLOMATIC ROLE AND MUCH CREDIT; C. THE VERY IMPORTANT TECHNICAL ISSUE OF ILS THRESHOLD WHEEL CLEARANCE HEIGHTS WAS TURNED AROUND IN COUNCIL AND SENT BACK TO ANC FOR RECONSIDERATION INCLUDING US MANUFACTURED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WIDE BODIES; D. JOINT INSPECTION UNIT STATUTE WENT FORWARD TO ICAO ASSEMBLY WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION, IN SPITE OF ADAMANT OPPOSITION BY ALMOST ALL OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS; E. ICAO SCHEDULE OF LEGAL MTGS WAS REORGANIZED ON US PROPOSAL TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ISSUES OF CONCERN TO US; F. LONG AWAITED LEASE, CHARTER, INTERCHANGE WORK WAS FINALIZED AND IS SCHEDULED INTO LEGAL CTE AND DIP CONF; G. US WAS ABLE TO REVERSE COUNCIL APPROVAL OF PARTICI-

PATION AND STATEMENT IN LOS BY ICAO OBSERVER, AS INSTRUCTED, THUS AVOIDING COMPLICATIONS REGARDING US PARTICIPATION NEW YORK. H. TRIPARTITE US/UK/FRANCE PROPOSAL FOR NEW CTE ON AIRCRAFT ENGINE EMISSIONS (HIGH ALTITUDE POLLUTION) WAS ADOPTED (AS WRITTEN BY US), CTE NAMED AND WHEELS IN MOTION; I. SNAP PANEL (US PROPOSAL, CAME TO FRUITION IN DEN/ICE III CONFERENCE --- ALL-AROUND MAJOR US ACHIEVEMENTS; J. A MAJOR US PROPOSAL ON AIRCRAFT NOISE, WHILE WATERED DOWN, WAS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL REQUIRING STATES REPORT TO ICAO ON THEIR PROGRAMS AND INTENTIONS; K. RESULTS OF SPECIAL AIR TRANSPORT CONF WERE HANDLED COMPETENTLY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS FOR US IN AIR TRANSPORT CTE (BY CAB'S ALTERNATE ON CTE); AND IN COUNCIL; L. PREPARATIONS FOR SEPT GEN ASSEMBLY REFLECT VERY FAVORABLY US EFFORTS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, AS WELL AS POLITICAL AND PROCEDURAL.

2. US MISSION HAS RECEIVED MANY COMPLIMENTS FOR US EFFORTS AND US LEADERSHIP ROLE. THIS MUST BE SHARED WITH ALL THOSE IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED/ASSISTED/COORDINATED. CONGRATULATIONS.

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